



MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

Timberlake Church

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FOR LEADER:

In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions

MESSAGE RECAP:

This week's message continues the "Stretched" series, discussing the topic of hope and how we can maintain hope regardless of the storms we face in life.

The most recent message is available online at Timberlakechurch.com/messages for further study

Key Passage:

Psalm 33:20-22; Acts 27: 13-15; 30-37; 41-44;
2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Icebreaker:

What's your proudest accomplishment?

Discussion Questions:

1. In our world, why do you think many people do not have hope?
2. **Read Psalm 33:20-22.** Why can we wait in hope, even when things look scary or out of control in the world around us?
3. Acts 27 tells the story of Paul being shipwrecked during a great storm. Storms on the open water can be scary because there's a lack of control. **Read Acts 27: 13-20.** What types of situations in your life would you describe as a "storm" and when you felt hopeless?
4. **Read Acts 27:21-26.** On what basis did Paul encourage the men to keep up their courage? What kinds of things must Paul have believed to be true about God in order to respond like this?
5. **Read Acts 27:33-38.** How did Paul's words and his example of giving thanks serve to encourage the others? How have you been given hope by other people's trust in God's promises when it felt like God was absent in the midst of your storm?
6. Each day we encounter people who are navigating their own storms and who have lost hope. In your sphere of influence who is one person that you could encourage and share real hope?
7. **Gratitude is God's prescription for hopelessness.** Regardless of the storms in our lives, there is always something in which to be thankful. Share a few things that you are thankful for with your group.